# Before the Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC 20554

FCC 16M-14 10549 EB Docket No. 03-152 In the Matter of WILLIAM L. ZAWILA Facility ID No. 72672 Permittee of FM Station JBGS, Coalinga, California Facility ID No. 3365 AVENAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES, INC. Permittee of FM Station KAAX, Avenal, California CENTRAL VALLEY EDUCATIONAL Facility ID No. 9993 SERVICES, INC. Permittee of FM Station KYAF, Firebaugh, California Facility ID No. 22030 H. L. CHARLES d/b/a FORD CITY **BROADCASTING** Permittee of FM Station KZPE, Ford City, California Facility ID No. 37725 LINDA WARE d/b/a LINDSAY **BROADCASTING** Licensee of FM Station KZPO, Lindsay, California

### **OMNIBUS ORDER**

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I.

On March 29, 2016, the Presiding Judge held a Status Conference. Counsel attended, except for Mr. William L. Zawila ("Zawila"). The Presiding Judge ruled in open court that Zawila is now in default for not appearing, as are the parties he claims to represent, namely: (1) himself as party, (2) the Estate of Linda Ware d/b/a Lindsay Broadcasting ("Lindsay

Broadcasting"), and (3) the Estate of H.L. Charles d/b/a Ford City Broadcasting ("Ford City Broadcasting"). Zawila additionally claims to represent Avenal Educational Services, Inc. ("Avenal") and Central Valley Educational Services, Inc. ("Central Valley").

Mr. Michael Couzens also claims to represent Avenal and Central Valley. Therefore, the Enforcement Bureau ("Bureau") has agreed that its motions to compel discovery of Avenal and Central Valley may be held in abeyance pending resolution of the central question of Avenal's and Central Valley's qualifications to hold Commission licenses/permits.

### II.

In the conduct of other business, based on oral motions made on the record by Bureau counsel, the Presiding Judge issued bench rulings as follows:

- The Bureau's February 25, 2016 motion to compel Zawila to provide responses to the Bureau's second set of document requests is granted by default;
- The Bureau's February 25, 2016 motion to compel Lindsay Broadcasting to provide responses to the Bureau's second set of document requests is granted by default;
- The Bureau's February 25, 2016 motion to compel Ford City Broadcasting to provide responses to the Bureau's second set of document requests is granted by default;
- Zawila's February 20, 2016 motion to join in Couzens' motion for a protective order is denied by default, and is also denied as moot, since Couzens' motion for a protective order was denied on February 29, 2016 in *Order FCC 16M-05*;
- Couzens' July 6, 2015 motion to strike footnote 25 of the Bureau's reply brief in support of its supplemental motion to add issues is denied as moot, since the issues were added in *Order FCC 16M-02*;
- The Bureau's July 23, 2015 motion to strike Couzens' unauthorized reply is also denied as moot;
- Couzens' motion to dismiss the entire proceedings, which is implicitly denied in *Order FCC 16M-05*, is hereby explicitly denied for the reasons stated in that order and for additional reasons stated in *Order FCC 16M-10* regarding the 10-year character evidence guidelines;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Presiding Judge received Zawila's Status Report on March 25, 2016 – four days before the Status Conference – in which Zawila stated in part that neither he nor his clients could afford the travel expenses incident to attending the conference. Also, neither Zawila nor any client of his has filed a request to proceed *in forma pauperis*. See 47 CFR § 1.224.

- Zawila's February 20, 2016 motion to join in Couzens' motion to dismiss the entire proceedings is denied by default, and additionally denied as moot; and
- Zawila's February 3, 2016 request to appeal Order FCC 16M-02 is denied by default.

### III.

The Bureau will file and submit a proposed order regarding negative inferences requested against Zawila, Lindsay Broadcasting, and Ford City Broadcasting due to Zawila's default.

### IV.

It was decided, after full discussion of those present, that there shall be no further requirement to serve Mr. Zawila with copies of pleadings and papers by fax. However, Section 1.47 of the Commission's Rules states that "[d]ocuments that are required to be served must be served in paper form, even if documents are filed in electronic form with the Commission, unless the party to be served agrees to accept service in some other form." 47 CFR § 1.47(d). Since Zawila has not agreed to accept an alternate form of service, parties must continue serving him by First Class Mail.

## V.

Counsel now participating in this case shall file "officially" by mail directly with the Commission Secretary, and shall continue providing contemporaneous copies to ECFS. Courtesy copying via email shall continue to be made on the date of filing.

#### SO ORDERED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION<sup>2</sup>

Richard L. Sippel Chief Administrative Law Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Courtesy copies of this Order will be sent by email to all counsel.